



The Honorable Chaka Fattah  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2301 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Fattah:

I write to express my congratulations for your introduction of the Student Bill of Rights, and offer the heartfelt support of The Every Child Matters Education Fund.

The goal of The Every Child Matters Education Fund is to promote the adoption of smart policies for children and families by making children's needs a national political priority. Our core belief is that when the nation adopts smart policies and programs relating to children and youth and it means lower crime, stronger families, and a more powerful economy. Investing more of the nation's great wealth in proven programs that help children is good for all Americans – and making certain that opportunities are available to all kids is a critical piece of this.

Clearly the promotion of a bill of rights for students is a significant step towards making certain that we show compassion, respect, and fairness to children and youth throughout our great nation. The improvement of the worst of our schools will lead to a nation in which truly every child matters.

I applaud the goals you have set forth for America's education system, and your legislative initiative, the Student Bill of Rights.

Sincerely,

Michael R. Petit  
President and Founder